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**AUSTRALIAN IMBROGLIO.**

Saturday we mentioned the fact that  
 Governor of the Australian colony of  
 Victoria had been removed for certain  
 reasons. The recall has given rise to  
 a heated discussion in both the English  
 and the Imperial Parliament; but  
 the difference of opinion evoked on  
 the subject of the recall, and the position  
 assumed by Mr. Cardwell, there is but one  
 opinion about his recall, and that expression  
 is Mr. Cardwell. By all classes it is  
 held that a Governor has no right to  
 be in colonial disputes—that if the  
 where a representative form of Govern-  
 ment exists, choose to levy taxes or reduce  
 them, or interfere with any privilege and can-  
 interfere with by any nominee of the  
 Governor. It is gratifying to see one by one  
 the old traditional ideas of intermeddling  
 in colonial matters dying away, and it is equally  
 gratifying to witness a Cabinet Minister like  
 Mr. Cardwell, coming forward in his position  
 in the House of Commons, and expressing  
 in answer to some silly remarks of Lord  
 Montagu, "an earnest hope that the House  
 would not constitute itself a court of appeal  
 to decide upon colonial disputes, for he was  
 persuaded that nothing would be more likely  
 to sever the tie which existed between the  
 mother country and her dependencies than  
 that she should set herself up as the guardian  
 of their rights, the judge of their conduct,  
 and the interpreter of their policy and their  
 wishes." Lord Montagu's motion was for  
 papers in relation to the quarrel between  
 the two branches of the Legislature in the colony  
 of Victoria, but the House refused to entertain  
 the proposition.

However evident it appears that the Im-  
 perial Government will do to something  
 before long to render the colonial constitu-  
 tions more elastic than they are at present,  
 that something will not be done on any in-  
 itiative motion of Lord Montagu, but in  
 response to petitions from the colonists them-  
 selves. We have previously shown the  
 anomaly of having, as they have in Australia,  
 an elective Upper House, elected for a long  
 term of years and representing only the one  
 interest—the landed interest of the colony.

No matter how unanimous the Lower  
 House may be—or how anxiously the  
 people may demand certain measures, this  
 Council, although an unofficial one, can be-  
 come as obstructive as our own and there  
 is no remedy. The members do not care a  
 fig if the supplies, the great lever in their  
 hands, are stopped; while they know the  
 Ministry, are dependent upon these sup-  
 plies for carrying on the Government. They  
 cannot, therefore, be coerced through money  
 pressure, as our Legislative Council can, if  
 the Assembly choose, nor can their numbers  
 be augmented as the House of Lords can  
 when they become too obstinate in their  
 relations with the Commons. The Upper House  
 is, in fact, an incubus on the progress of the  
 colony. It is an undue weight on the safety-  
 valve of colonial government, and some of  
 these days we shall witness in the Aus-  
 tralian colonies an explosion that will send  
 the Constitution into fragments. The recent ge-  
 neral election has sustained the Ministry—the  
 free trade party have been again beaten  
 by an overwhelming majority, and again the  
 man in power, with the people at their back  
 demanding protective tariffs, confront the  
 "squinting" fraternity of the Upper House.  
 There can, of course, be only one result to  
 such a contest. There is no power in any  
 representative country that can resist the  
 people, unless indeed manhood has sunk so  
 low in the dirt of servitude or indifference  
 that it cannot well extricate itself. There  
 is, however, no weakness in the manhood of  
 the colony of Victoria. Ahead of every  
 other British colony and in many things of  
 the most liberal State in the American  
 Union, its people are the most vigorous,  
 the most determined and the most self-reliant  
 that can be met with almost anywhere.

If the Upper House refuse to swallow  
 the Assembly's pill, there is but one  
 resource now—either its extinction or an  
 alteration in its character. We feel as-  
 sured this will be the first thing recom-  
 mended by the new Governor, as it will be  
 the first thing demanded by the inhabitants. If  
 Sir Charles Darling, instead of writing de-  
 patches breathing personal hate against his  
 opponents, had used his influence to bring  
 about a reform in the constitution, all would  
 have been well. As it is some of the London  
 papers predict grave difficulties for the new  
 Governor. The *Daily News*, partially ex-  
 pressing Sir Charles Darling and alluding to  
 the stumbling-blocks in the way of his suc-  
 cessor, says: "The Governor of Victoria  
 must govern by and with the advice of those  
 whom the confidence of the Legislative As-  
 sembly designates to him as his Ministers.  
 The Legislative Council of Victoria, exer-  
 cising its power in a way never contemplated  
 by the Constitution—is a way which our  
 Upper House, with all its historical and social  
 prestige, would not have ventured to do—  
 took a course which threatened to stop the  
 machinery of government. It was incumbent  
 on the Colonial Ministers to devise measures  
 for preventing this misfortune. They did so  
 with the concurrence of the Assembly, and  
 Sir Charles Darling was called to give or  
 withhold his sanction to their measures.  
 Practically he had no choice." The *Morning  
 Advertiser* in speaking of the situation says:  
 "What the Assembly will do, what the Coun-  
 cil will do, or what the people will do, re-  
 mains to be seen. The people, and the As-  
 sembly who represent them, may change their  
 views, and succumb to the Council, or  
 they may persist in their course; and if they  
 do, there will be further difficulties. One  
 thing, however, is quite clear, that the people  
 must be left ultimately to manage their affairs  
 and settle such disputes as these according  
 to their own will and judgment. If England  
 is a republic with a monarch, a thousand  
 times so is a new essentially  
 democratic community like this, and

the formalities and technicalities that  
 may suit us may not suit them  
 at all. It may be a "territorial dis-  
 comfery," as America has been described;  
 and indeed cannot be otherwise. Such a  
 thing is a necessity in the New World,  
 whether of Australasia or America; while  
 it is such an impossibility in Europe that  
 we can scarcely realize the idea in our  
 minds. A collision between a Council re-  
 presenting itself and an Assembly really  
 representing the people can only end in one  
 way. The people will tax themselves as  
 they please, and manage their affairs as they  
 please, in spite of technical forms; and it  
 is the most judicious course to let them settle  
 these affairs themselves. If the Govern-  
 or is obnoxious to the people, his recall is a  
 necessity; but it may be questioned whether  
 the initiative for getting rid of such a  
 functionary ought not to be left to the col-  
 onists themselves." The *Daily Telegraph* is  
 no less liberal, as the following extract will show:  
 "If Governor Eyre had remembered that  
 there is such a place as Exeter Hall, he would  
 have been content to try Gordon in due course  
 of ordinary law, and would not have hurried  
 him into eternity upon the verdict of a court-  
 martial. If Governor Darling had known  
 how law-abiding and constitution-loving a  
 race the Englishmen are, he would never, in a  
 quarrel between two branches of the Legis-  
 lature, have arrayed himself on one side or  
 the other. Be this as it may, it is impossible  
 to doubt that these despatches, while they  
 raise Mr. Cardwell's reputation, will establish  
 to the satisfaction of all that the Colonial  
 Administration of England is so pure and  
 disinterested as to atone for our sins to the  
 colonies in the last century, and in some de-  
 gree, by its resolute and timely assertion of  
 that master principle, 'Responsible Govern-  
 ment,' to pacify the offended shades of Ed-  
 ward Gibbon Wakefield and Charles Buller." The  
 whole of the London press, in fact, harp  
 on the one string, and that is the right as well  
 as policy of the colonies governing themselves.  
 The people, they maintain, should be the sole  
 judges of the position. We hope that the  
 sentiments of Mr. Cardwell, as well as the  
 unanimous opinion of the British press, will  
 not be lost on the Executive of Vancouver  
 Island.

**NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.**

**NOTICE.**

**FROM AND AFTER THIS DATE I**  
 will not be responsible for the actions of my  
 wife, Anne Porteous, nor for any debts which  
 she may contract.  
 SAMUEL GREGSON PORTEOUS.  
 Saturday, May 12th, 1866. m14 1w

**WANTED.**

**BY A RESPECTABLE WOMAN,**  
 a situation as Housekeeper or Nurse. No ob-  
 jection to take charge of children left without a  
 mother, in or out of town.  
 Address X. Y. Z., Colonist office. m14 1w

**Ice Creams!**

**—AT—**

**PIPER & ALISKY'S,**

Government Street,

OPPOSITE THE THEATRE.

**A CARD.**

Victoria, May 12th, 1866.

**TO THE EDITOR OF THE BRITISH COLONIST.**

Will you allow me, through the medium of your  
 columns, to acquire of N. M. N., the writer of the  
 "Card" which appeared in your paper of this morn-  
 ing, in what the £20,000 and upwards of debts,  
 which he alleges were left by the late Mr. A. J. Rice  
 (my friend), and where it may be found.  
 I have the honor to inform you that the  
 "Card" is a forgery, and that the person who  
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On	Leaving	Victoria at 8 A. M., on Tuesday	
ac-	"	Cowichin	1 P. M. do
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er;	Arriving at Nanaimo at 6 P. M.	on Tuesday,	and
	remain over Wednesday.		
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	Leave	Nanaimo at 8 A. M., on Thursday	
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	"	Cowichin	1 do do

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**Victoria to Comox every other Week**

3d.

Leave Victoria as in paragraph 1.

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" Leave Comox at 7, A. M., on Thursday, arriving at Nanaimo about 1, P. M., remaining over night.

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